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The Woods Community Newsletter

April 2014

From the Board

The permit process for the Hodges Wall continues. We expect the permit to be issued in the next 2 weeks. For those of you that have dealt with the permitting process you know the wheels of City Hall turn very slowly. The contracted construction company is ready to get started as soon as possible. They are also in the process of building a wall for the new subdivision on Beach Blvd. just west of the library complex. You can drive by and see the type of wall we are getting.

Here are several items for home owners to consider. JSO had their radar unit on the Woods Drive to advise you of the speed limit. The next time there may be a JSO officer there handing out tickets for speed or to the other residents that feel the STOP signs are advisory in nature and not a requirement. Both will cost you a lot of money or your neighbor's life. Please observe the regulatory signs in the neighborhood.

Once again we are faced with residents dumping yard waste over their fences and onto common ground. This is not only illegal but creates problems for all. We have found this waste not only in the ponds but on the trails and in the ditches designed to drain the water during rain fall. This also includes placing debris on the cul-de-sacs in the community. We will notify the home owner and if it is not cleaned up, we will do it and send you the bill and the fine. Please do not discard items over your fence line.

We have yard waste pick up on each Thursday. If you have large items you can call the city for a special pickup.

Several weeks ago one of our residents walking his dogs on their leashes was attacked by another dog. The attack almost cost the life of one dog. The attacking dog was not on a leash and running free. Both JSO and animal control was involved after the fact. It was also determined the attacking dog did not have shots. Jacksonville has a very specific leash law and it requires "All animals" to be on a leash at any time. Please be a responsible animal owner and comply with this law.

Our gate guards are still having a problem with unannounced guests. If you are expecting guests please call the appropriate gate and let the attendant know with your name and phone number. All of the transactions through the gates are recorded by video and voice. If you have repeat visitors, please put them on the permanent list (by contacting management) and let your visitor know to inform the guard they are on your list. We also request that when entering the resident side, slow down and let the machine have time to read your barcode before you attempt to move past the gate arm.

Finally, if you have a problem in the community, please bring it to the attention of the management staff or any member of the Board of Directors. You are also welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings.

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT THE MARCH 2014 WOODS' COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE:

Prior to The Woods' Spring Garage Sale on March 8th, we had three or four days of rain and strong winds. Many Woods residents waited until Saturday before deciding to have a garage sale. If you had a garage sale and have not paid, please contribute your \$5.00 registration fee to help defray the cost of the preparation and advertising by Women of The Woods that brought so many people to your sale. You may submit your \$5 to Caryn in the Clubhouse. **To those of you who paid your \$5.00 registration fee, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**

IMPORTANT APRIL EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules & Safety Committee	April 3	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	April 9	6:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Covenant Enforcement Hearing	April 10	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Finance Committee	April 16	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	April 21	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	April 24	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	April 24	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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Gardening Tips for April

Last year I planted several varieties of coreopsis in my yard, and this year the seedlings have sprouted from the parent plant. This has become my favorite wildflower with its daisy-like flowers that look like they are always smiling at you. The colors are wide ranging between golden yellow, pink or bi-color depending on the variety returning every year. Coreopsis brings color to your garden all summer long, as well as being low maintenance and drought tolerant.

In 1991 the coreopsis was designated Florida's state wildflower. Many are native to Florida and are widely used for roadside plantings and can be seen along highways throughout the state. It is a member of the aster family, Asteraceae. The habitat is varied considering the species and range but most prefer moist soils. The coreopsis was thought to be regional to Florida until a couple of years ago when some were found growing in Alabama.

You can get coreopsis seed packets from the Florida Wildflower Foundation or visit your local nursery for potted plants. Remember the coreopsis will "go to seed"

before dying and will germinate wherever the birds, rain and wind carry the seed. It's a lot of fun and always a surprise to see where the new plants come up the following spring.

Finally, congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mooney** at 2344 Fallen Tree North for being selected as **The Woods' Yard of the Month for April 2014**. Thank you for making The Woods a lovely place to call home.



The 2014 Pool Season begins Saturday, April 19th. The Woods Community pool will be open each week **Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, and on Sunday from 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm**. The pool will be **CLOSED Mondays** for maintenance (*unless Monday falls on a holiday, in which case the pool will be open that day but closed the following day for maintenance*). Please note the following:

- ◆ Lifeguards will be on duty Saturdays & Sundays while school is in session.
- ◆ "Swim at Your Own Risk" during scheduled periods when no lifeguard is on duty & the pool is open.
- ◆ Once summer break is here, lifeguards will be on duty all day, every day.
- ◆ Key fobs are a one-time fee of \$25 & available at The Woods office.

From the Rules and Safety Committee

Because of several incidents in our neighborhood, the Rules and Safety Committee asks residents to pay special attention to the following:

- ◆ **All dogs must be on a leash when outside the owner's fenced yard.** Recently, a neighbor who was walking his dog on a leash was attacked by a large dog running loose. The leashed dog was badly hurt and its owner was bitten trying to protect his little dog.
- ◆ **Register your dog/cat with The Woods office.** Caryn in The Woods office keeps a file with pictures and description of all dogs in the neighborhood. For the protection of all animals, giving identifying information to the office (picture, description, or chip) will help in returning lost animals to their owners.
- ◆ **Keep your garage door closed.** Not only does an opened garage provide easy access to the inside of your house, but it also exposes your personal items stored in the garage to possible theft. The Rules and Safety Committee notes that robberies and stolen cars have occurred in Zone II of our county (our zone).
- ◆ **STOP at all stop signs.** Children and neighbors who are walking or bike riding may be in danger from residents who coast through stop signs (or ignore them entirely.) The law still applies on neighborhood streets as well as city highways. STOP means STOP. JSO notes that we have had 8 stop sign fatalities in Jacksonville this year.

A Word from Women of the Woods

On March 20th, Women of The Woods enjoyed a delicious **POT LUCK DINNER!** Each of us brought our **favorite dish and the recipe** so that we could sample and then hear about the recipes and why they are special. These recipes (and a few additional donated recipes) will be compiled into a special edition *2014 WOW Pot Luck Dinner Cookbook*. Everyone who contributed a recipe will receive a Limited Edition WOW cookbook at the April meeting.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
APRIL MEETING HAS BEEN
CHANGED TO MONDAY,
APRIL 21 @ 7PM IN THE
CLUBHOUSE.**

At the April meeting, we will have the Women of the Woods **Board elections**. If you are interested in serving in one of the available openings, please let us know prior

to the meeting. We'd love to have you as part of our planning team!!! Also in April, **WOW member Noriko Stern, Master Gardener**, will be answering all of our spring gardening questions. Everyone will go home with a plant for our yards!

In our last meeting of this year, May 15th, we will meet at a local restaurant (TBD) and enjoy camaraderie as we close out the year. New WOW board members will be introduced and take office that evening. The \$15 dues you paid this year will be applied to your meal. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we bring another Wonderful Women of The Woods year to an end!

Women of The Woods meets on the **third Thursday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. Annual dues are \$15/person, payable by check or cash. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

The Woods Tennis News

Saturday, April 5 "Spring Team Fling" up to 48 players in a team round robin. REB makes the teams with a social fun format in mind. This is a Woods/ABCC mixer. \$10 includes participant medals and balls; everyone brings something to share. For any tennis information please call REB at 514-0569.

Attention Ladies!!!

- The USTA 3.0 Women's team is still looking for about 5 more players. This is a 5 court league with 2 lines of singles and 3 lines of doubles.
- USTA Women's 3.0 schedule is out: Home-4/27, 5/4, 5/18, 6/8, 6/22, 7/13. Away-4/13, 5/10, 6/1, 6/14, 6/29...Sundays at 1pm
- Tri-Level teams forming immediately

Lessons

- Thursday co-ed clinic B/C team level, 9-10:30am - \$15
- Working Women B team/3.0 USTA Team, Tuesday 6-7pm - \$10
- Working Women C and Tuesday a.m. C Teams, Thursday 6:30-7:30pm - \$10
- Try Tennis - lesson series for new or beginning players will run Saturday 9-10am 3/01 - 4/05
- Men's night clinic with play after - Wednesday at 6pm

Juniors

- 8 and under - Wednesday 4-5pm and Saturday 11am-12pm

- 10 and under - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4-5pm and Saturday 11am-12pm
- 11 and over - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 5-6pm and Saturday 12-1pm
- Summer teams are forming for ages 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and over

Busy court times

- Tuesday morning April 8th
- Saturday morning 9-11am

Housekeeping

- Courts closed on Monday unless it's a national holiday...5/26, 9/01, and 10/13
- Courts closed daily 1-3pm for grooming and water (including weekends except for women's home match Sundays...4/27, 5/4, 5/18, 6/8, 6/22, 7/13
- Please call or text REB to reserve at 904-514-0569

Additional Play Opportunities

- 3.0 Women's Team Sundays 1pm. This team needs about 5 more players!!!
- Senior Men's Round Robin Wed, Fri, Saturday 9am
- Tri-level Thursday mornings throughout the summer 9am
- Beginner lady's league Tuesday and Friday mornings, clinic Thursday at 9:00am
- Saturday 3.0-3.5 co-ed round robin 9-11am. Contact is Diane Bach.

Announcements and Reminders

THE WOODS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Come join us at the Woods Community Center! Share a cup of coffee and meet some friendly neighbors! For more information call or email Larry at: 382-4662 or WoodsBibleFellowship@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED! We are looking for good neighbors to help neighbors in need! There are those in the community that, for a variety of valid financial reasons, are having difficulty keeping their yards in compliance with the BYLAWS & Covenants. Just a few minutes a week would prevent these neighbors from facing the added embarrassment and burden of fines. This is not about helping those who won't, but rather it is all about helping those who can't! If you would like to be a Woods "Good Samaritan", please contact Larry Landin at 382-4662, or woodsbiblefellowship@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET:

- ◆ The pool opens April 19th
- ◆ Recycle collection dates are April 2, 16, 30 and May 14, 28
- ◆ Two-days-a-week lawn watering is in effect
- ◆ The speed limit in The Woods is 25 mph
- ◆ Don't forget what to do at stop signs
- ◆ Be sure to call the appropriate gate ahead of time when you are expecting visitors



ENTRY GATES	
ATLANTIC	221-3111
HODGES	221-2435
THE WOODS OFFICE	
PHONE—Line 1	221-3722
PHONE—Line 2	221-3723
FAX	221-0833
OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
TUESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
THURSDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
FRIDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
MARSH LANDING MGMT CO	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933

Uh, oh! You didn't forget again, did you?

Gentlemen, is there a special birthday or anniversary coming up? Perhaps you are looking for that special gift that might get you out of the proverbial doghouse? Or maybe you are just looking for a special way to tell her how much you appreciate and care for her?

Whatever the reason, you can never go wrong with a nice ring, a pair of earrings, a beautiful pendant or brooch that centers around her birthstone?

The table at the right shows the gemstones that are traditionally associated with each month of the year. Go ahead, splurge! Uh . . . Just make sure you get the date right, eh?

Month	Birthstone
January	Garnet
February	Amethyst
March	Aquamarine
April	Diamond
May	Emerald
June	Pearl
July	Ruby
August	Peridot
September	Sapphire
October	Opal
November	Citrine
December	Topaz

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CLASSIFIED ADS

BABYSITTING SERVICES

Babysitter available. My name is Melanye and I am 15 years old. I have been certified through the Red Cross/CPR programs. Please call for further information at 220-5212.

PET WALKING/DOG SITTER

Discount available to residents. Over 10 years of experience. Contact Tonya at 476-7536. References available.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

76" Entertainment center, dark brown, \$450 obo; Computer Desk, light brown, \$75 obo; HP 20" monitor with wireless keyboard and mouse, \$65 obo; Sony PSP with 4 games and 2 movies in carry case, \$125 obo; Sony Bravia 46" 3D TV w/remote, Model KDL46HX800, paid over \$2500, \$700 obo. Call Brenda at 904-900-1312.

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